



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Wayne County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, MI

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Wayne County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was selected to receive a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. Located in eastern Michigan, Wayne County (population 2,061,162) includes the City of Detroit, a federally designated Empowerment Zone. A legacy of abandoned industrial facilities and urban flight have left many of the older communities severely distressed and adversely affected by the county's approximately 2,000 brownfields. In Wayne



Revolving Loan Fund Grant

\$1,000,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Wayne County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the Wayne County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

County, the poverty rate is 16.4 percent. Brownfields have created seriously contaminated watercourses in the county. There also are 1,770 open leaking underground storage tanks and 185 hazardous waste sites. When brownfields are cleaned up, exposure to environmental contaminants that contribute to public health problems will be reduced, and redevelopment will be possible. Brownfields redevelopment will restore neighborhoods where people can live within easy access to work, shopping, and recreation.